

CURES PARDON BY SWEARING OFF

Governor Again Extends Clemency in Exchange for Promise of Sobriety.

FISH IN CAPITOL SQUARE

New Fountain to Go Up—Many Military Orders Are Promulgated.

Another jailbird was released yesterday by order of Governor Mann, on condition that he will never again take drink. Several such cases have occurred recently, clemency being extended in each case where the offense was not serious, and where it was caused apparently by too free use of intoxicating liquors.

The fortunate individual this time is George Longwell, who was given ninety days in jail by Acting Police Justice John P. Willard, in the Richmond Police Court, Part 2. The actual offense was disorderly conduct while drunk, it being stated that the man abused and mistreated members of his family. As usual, the wife was the first to beseech herself for a pardon for the man who had abused her, her application being endorsed by the trial justice.

As an additional reason for the conditional pardon, the wife presented a long list of diseases from which the husband was said to be suffering in jail, and which embraced nearly all the complaints on the medical calendar. There was so much the matter with Longwell that Secretary Ben P. Owen began to fear that the prisoner would die before he could get the pardon ready.

One drink will put George back in jail for the remainder of his term, of which he has served about half.

FISHING AT CAPITOL

Several Good Ones Caught by Convicts.

Will Put in New Fountain.

Fishing in the fountain in the Capitol Square yesterday. Those who have been going far down the river to satisfy their Waltherian tendencies might have stayed at home and had better success than many of them achieve. The Capitol Square force of convicts was put to work cleaning out the fountain near the Eleventh Street entrance. This has been done every two years, but in view of the absence of mud from the city water it is hoped that the task will not be performed again for many years.

The presence of the fish in the fountain is a mystery. Two years ago, when the fountain was cleaned, its bottom was scraped bare, but yesterday a bucketful of fish was caught by the convicts, comprising no less than three species. One old garfish was about eighteen inches long, and was the only one of his kind. Several carp, one or two a foot long, were captured, while there were a number of perch. The only explanation is the presence of eggs about the cracks in the sides when the fountain was last cleaned, although, of course, boys may have dropped live fish in the fountain.

Those fish caught two years ago were then placed in the fountain near the Tenth Street entrance. Other salvage found yesterday comprised old shoes, baseballs, bricks, stones and many other articles. The accumulation of trash in the bottom is, of course, in part caused by dead leaves, but in future Colonel John W. Richardson, the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, hopes to keep the fountain clear of them by raking.

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Capitol Closed To-Day.

All departments at the Capitol will be closed to-day, in honor of the national holiday.

Closed Contracts for Roads.

State Highway Commissioner Willson has returned from Wise county, where on Saturday contracts were awarded for the remainder of the road building authorized by the big bond issue of \$700,000. A total of 115 miles of roads will be improved, a large part of this being macadamized. The prices made were fair.

Lee county has begun advertising for bids on road work, while Mecklenburg, where five districts voted a few days ago for bond issues, has asked for an engineer to make the preliminary surveys.

Major Winfree on Staff.

Major Peyton B. Winfree, of the engineer corps, who passed his examination last week, has been ordered on the staff of General C. C. Vaughan, Jr. He and Major Allen Potts, the brigade quartermaster, were ordered yesterday to Culpeper to lay out the camp for the brigade.

Requires Bond of Citizens.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday fixed the supersedeas bond in the Clayville station case at \$700, the Supreme Court having already decreed that the appeal bond shall be \$200. Until the citizens of Clayville execute the bond, designed to protect the Southern Railway from damage as the result of the prosecution of the appeal, the road may keep the station closed.

May Pass Through State.

Permission was given yesterday by Adjutant-General Sale to the Second Company, Coast Artillery Corps, of Massachusetts, to pass through Virginia under arms between October 1 and 14, to attend the dedication of the peace monument at Atlanta.

Permission was also given the Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, Conn., to pass through the State for the same purpose, at the same time.

Orders were also issued permitting Company L, Second Infantry of West Virginia, to pass through the State en route from Bluefield to the encampment at Charleston.

Kolner Speaks to Farmers.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Kolner is at Old Sweet Springs, in Allegheny county, where he will address a meeting of farmers to-day.

Orderly Is Named.

Private William H. Nalle, of Company B, Second Infantry, has been detailed as orderly for the headquarters of the First Brigade during the Culpeper encampment, and will report to General Vaughan there on July 20.

Judges Are Designated.

The Governor yesterday designated Judge Walter R. Staples, of the Corporation Court of Roanoke, to hold a part of the July term of the Circuit Court of Washington county, to sit in cases in which Judge Frank B. Hutton feels it would be improper for him to preside.

Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of Fredericksburg, has been designated to hold a part of the term of the Circuit Court of Alexandria city on July 5, Judge J. B. Thornton being detained in a criminal case in the Circuit Court of Alexandria county.

Officers Leave Service.

The resignations of First Lieutenant Elmer H. Johnson as adjutant of the Second Battalion of the Fourth Infantry, at Norfolk, and of Captain J. M. Robinson, of Danville, of the Medical Corps, were accepted yesterday.

COLONY OF HUNGARIANS MAY BE ESTABLISHED

Lands in Olney Section Purchased by B. K. Basbo With This End in View.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Olney, Va., July 3.—B. K. Basbo has bought of L. T. Christian, of Richmond, all of his real estate in this section. Mr. Christian bought this land several years ago for a hunting preserve. It consists of the White House farm, a part of Molante, and several small pieces of land on Little River—in all about 1,000 acres.

Mr. Basbo is now having it surveyed with a view to cutting it up into smaller farms.

Mr. Basbo is a Hungarian, and at present is located at Courtland, in Southampton county, where he has established a large colony of his people. He expects to do the same thing with this property.

Strong Plan for Aid.

Prompted by these considerations, the board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held July 1, 1911, to consider a report from its committee on streets, roads and parks, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

1st.

That the Richmond Chamber of Commerce earnestly petitions the honorable City Council of Richmond, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by the enabling act of the General Assembly, approved February 17, 1910, to adopt a policy of extending municipal aid for the improvement of important roads leading into the city of Richmond, when in its judgment such action would tend to promote the material interests of the city, such aid not to exceed an average of \$500 per mile for a distance of ten miles from the corporate limits of the city on any one road, and the extension of such assistance in each case being dependent upon the contribution of a like amount raised by private subscription or otherwise.

ASK COUNCIL TO HELP BUILD ROAD

Chamber Sees Great Opportunity to Advance Business Interest.

CITIZENS MUST ALSO AID

Special Demands Just Now Are for Gordonsville-Old Point Highway.

Proposing a comprehensive scheme for building up the section of country immediately surrounding Richmond by constructing roads leading from all directions, the Chamber of Commerce sent to the Common Council last night a series of resolutions asking co-operation in extending municipal aid to the improvement of important highways leading into the city. It is suggested that such aid should not exceed \$500 per mile for a distance of ten miles from the corporate limits of any one road, and that such assistance in each case be dependent upon the contribution of a like amount being raised by private subscription or otherwise.

The chamber especially asks immediate and favorable consideration of the proposed plan for the improvement of a road from Old Point to Richmond, and from Gordonsville to Richmond. The city is asked for \$5,000 toward the approaches of such a road into the city, to be available when a like amount has been paid by citizens or other sources. Officers of the chamber express the belief that there is a large field for development in trucking and agricultural in the section lying directly about Richmond, and which, with good highways, would feed all of its business into the city, and fill its markets with produce, thus serving the double purpose of building up the outlying territory, and lowering the cost of living to citizens by providing convenient sources of supplies, without excessive freight charges.

Chamber's Petition.

The chamber's communication, sent to the clerk of the Council last night, follows:

Honorable, the City Council, Council Chamber:

The General Assembly of Virginia approved February 17, 1910, an act to enable incorporated towns and cities to contribute to the building or improvement of public roads and bridges leading to such towns or cities, which reads (chapter 34, section 1):

"1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that any incorporated town or city, acting by and through its Council, may, when in the judgment of such Council such action will tend to promote the material interests of such town or city, contribute funds or other aid within the limits of such town or city toward the building or improvement of permanent public roads leading to such town or city, or bridges upon such roads; provided, that no such contribution shall be made toward the building or improvement of any such road or bridge beyond the corporate limits of such town or city, as measured along the route of such road."

In the opinion of the chamber the enactment of this law was most timely, and important, as the roads in Virginia are notoriously bad and inferior, for the most part, to those of other States in the Union of equal wealth and population, especially such as lead into Richmond, its capital and its largest city.

To convey to your honorable body what the chamber believes to be a most significant statement in reference to this important question, it begs to make brief reference to a recent publication based upon the most reliable data obtainable in this monograph relating to transportation. It is estimated that the annual cost of wagon transportation was almost three times that of the entire water transportation of the United States, and was more than half as great as the vast sum paid for railway transportation. It was further estimated that the average cost of wagon transportation was 25 cents per ton mile, which might be reduced to 10 cents on first-class roads.

This large reduction practicable in the case of wagon transportation is, however, the most valuable consideration. A much more important one is the stimulus it would give to agricultural production, especially in the vicinity of Richmond, Va. The markets here are now largely supplied with vegetables and other country products brought from distant points, while the lands close at hand, pronounced suitable for trucking with proper cultivation, lie idle and neglected. With the roads radiating from the city put in first-class order, the suburban population would be greatly increased, intensive farming and gardening would be fostered, our markets would be better and more economically supplied, and a much more profitable trade would be developed and established between the merchants of Richmond and the residents of adjoining agricultural districts.

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2d. That the Richmond Chamber of Commerce asks immediate and favorable consideration on the part of your honorable body for that part of the report of the chamber's committee on streets, roads and parks, approved and adopted by the board of directors of the chamber July 1, 1911, asking for an appropriation from the City Council of \$5,000 for the improvement of the roads from Old Point to Richmond, and from Gordonsville to Richmond, in accordance with the terms of the act approved by the General Assembly of Virginia February 17, 1910, chapter 34, section 1, the said appropriation to be available when a like amount shall have been subscribed and paid in by



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Will Be Biggest in History.

Washington, July 3.—Official estimates for the cotton crop of 1911 indicate that it will be the largest in the history of the country, approximately, according to the present figures, 11,425,000 bales of 500 pounds each, exceeding by almost 1,000,000 bales the record crop of 1904.

Dr. N. A. Murray, acting chief of the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, to-day made the following statement subsequent to the issuance of the cotton crop report:

"The report shows the condition of the crop to be higher than on any corresponding date in the last ten years. A month ago the general condition was 8.5 per cent. above the ten-year average. To-day it is 10.3 per cent. above the ten-year average.

The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000. Allowing for the average amount of abandonment—about 1,000,000 acres—the indications are that approximately 34,000,000 acres of cotton will be harvested.

"The condition indicates a probable yield of 202.8 pounds per acre, which on 34,000,000 acres would mean 6,855,000,000 pounds, or about 11,425,000 bales.

This calculation allows for average depreciation. The critical period in cotton growth is in August and September, so that any estimate at this time must be taken with some allowance.

"The largest previous production of cotton in this country was in 1904, when it aggregated 12,679,954 bales of 500 pounds each."

Conditions of Cotton Crop.

Washington, D. C., July 3.—The condition of the cotton crop on June 25 was 82.2 per cent. of a normal, compared with 87.5 per cent. on May 25, 1911; 86.7 per cent. on June 25, 1910; 74.6 per cent. in 1909, and 80.6 per cent. the average condition on June 25 during the past ten years, according to the Department of Agriculture's estimate announced at noon to-day.

Comparisons of conditions by States follow:

States.	June 25.	Ave.
Virginia	98	82
North Carolina	89	80
South Carolina	84	80
Georgia	94	80
Florida	96	85
Alabama	93	79
Mississippi	87	79
Louisiana	89	79
Texas	85	80
Arkansas	89	81
Tennessee	87	84
Missouri	90	81
Oklahoma	87	81
California	100	95

*1910 condition.

APPLE CROP SHORT ABOUT TWO-THIRDS

Horticultural Society's Report Gives Unfavorable Prospect for Virginia.

Prospects for the Virginia apple crop have changed materially for the worse since the first of the season's report, issued on May 16. The second report, just out, takes rather a dark view of the situation. Apples have dropped very heavily throughout the State, and the present prospect is for a much smaller crop generally than the heavy bloom indicated. This is attributed by Secretary Walter Whiteley, of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, to the fact that the blooms lasted this year for a shorter time than usual, not giving sufficient time for pollinization by bees and other winged insects, and also to the cold and unfavorable weather of the early spring. Still another reason is that a majority of the orchards bore very heavily last year.

Varying Reports.

Since blooming time a severe drought has been general, with only local rains, causing many sections to suffer severely. However, Secretary Whiteley says it is difficult to tell just yet what effect, if any, this will have on the apple crop. Conditions vary considerably in different sections, some of them reporting prospects for a good crop, while the majority are to the effect that the yield will be short.

Summing up the conditions as reported to him, Mr. Whiteley places the average prospect for apples in the whole State at from 30 to 35 per cent. of a full crop, or from one-third to one-half of last year's crop. By sections the report is as follows:

Crop by Sections.
Piedmont—General average for all winter varieties, 30 per cent. Albemarle pippins, 35 per cent.; Winesap, 33 per cent.; Yorks, Bens and other varieties, short.

Valley—General average, 30 per cent. The best prospects are in Frederick and other counties to the north, where Yorks, Bens and Grimes' golden are sold to average 40 per cent. and to reach 55 per cent. in some instances.

Southwest—General average 30 per cent. In Appalachian region, 25 per cent. In most other States conditions are much better than in Virginia. West Virginia has in the main a good prospect, Maryland has a fair crop, while Pennsylvania and Delaware say chances are good. The country over will make much more of a crop than last year. There are no complete fall-

ures. The United States crop report gives an average prospect of 68.5 per cent. for the country over, against 53 per cent. at the same time last year, and an average for the last ten years of 66.8 per cent.

Partly Destroyed by Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chatham, Va., July 3.—The home of Senator George T. Nelson was burned to-day. When discovered the roof was ablaze, but splendid work by the Fire Department extinguished the flames, after the roof had burned. The loss is about \$1,500 and the insurance is \$1,000.

Case Is Continued.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., July 3.—John Hammond, a negro, twenty-one years old, charged with making an attack on a white woman named Emma Coles, fifty-five years old, was in the Police Court this afternoon. The case was continued and Hammond was released on his own recognizance.

SOUTHSIDE WARD VOTES WITH CITY

Toney Now Candidate for One of Five Positions—Club Will Meet To-Morrow.

There seems to be no longer a doubt that in view of the declaration of Judge Ingram to take cognizance of the South Richmond legislative situation, because of lack of jurisdiction, the people of South Richmond will acquiesce in the position taken by City Chairman Miles M. Martin, and vote with Richmond in the September primary. This will leave Chesterfield and Powhatan to choose a floater, without the aid of the people of what was once Manchester.

In fact, the feeling prevails to such an extent that D. L. Toney, now the member of the House of Delegates from the old federal district, has announced his candidacy as one of the five members from the city of Richmond. He has awaited the outcome of the many efforts made to get a settlement of the question before doing so. This makes eight candidates for the five positions.

It seems unlikely that the matter will be taken before the Supreme Court or that any further aid from the courts will be invoked. The question of taking the case to the Attorney-General seems not to be considered, in view of the opinion of that official that no way exists to bring it officially before him.

A meeting of the Washington Ward Democratic League will be held, it is understood, to-morrow night, when the middle will come up again for consideration.

DENY REPORT OF SHIP'S LOSS

Rumor That Vessel Foundered With Fifty-Six Persons.

Christiania, Norway, July 3.—The owners of the Norwegian steamer Elipse denied to-day the report that the vessel had foundered off Iceland with fifty-six persons on board.

The report brought here by a cutter, arriving yesterday from Rolfsbohaven, Hammerfest, Norway, declared that all of the people on board had been drowned.

ANOTHER "UNLOADED" GUN TAKES ITS TOLL OF DEATH

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Suffolk, Va., July 3.—Another unloaded gun on Sunday took its death toll, and added one more to the list of tragedies in the hamlet of Holland.

Albert Francis was instantly killed by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of his cousin, Henry Francis, aged twenty-one years, who didn't know it was charged. A coroner's jury said it was accidental.

RATIONAL FOURTH AT HIGHLAND PARK

Program of Events Arranged for This Afternoon by Citizens' Association.

Under the auspices of the Highland Park Citizens' Association a safe and safe Fourth will be observed to-day in the town park of that suburb. The exercises will open this afternoon at 2 o'clock with patriotic songs by school children, and an appropriate address by Rev. Charles H. Boggs.

The committee in charge of the event has made preparations to make the occasion a memorable one and has arranged to carry out numerous athletic events, of which wheelbarrow, egg and ladle, three-legged and sack races will be features. These will be open to every one.

An attraction which will undoubtedly draw much interest will be a doll baby show. To the girl exhibiting the best dressed doll a prize will be given. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in all of the various events, many merchants having donated articles for this purpose.

Refreshments will be served by the Mothers' Club, and to every child present an American flag will be given. There will be no admission fee, and no charge for anything.

The committee in charge of the event is composed of the following members: George W. Bahke, chairman; Charles Rose, W. A. Clarke, Jr., J. C. Bowman and J. A. Devine.

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